

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #137 (2002-2003)

December 9, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: NEW EAGLE RIVER AREA HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL
PROGRAMS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the New Eagle River Area High School offer a traditional core curriculum of academics and electives. In addition, the school should provide optional programs for students who would benefit from the on-line method of course delivery, a variety of career technology courses still to be determined, and an alternative program for students that are at-risk of graduating.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Eagle River community heard presentations from Anchorage School District high school principals pertaining to the current alternative and magnet programs that operate in the district. Programs presented included; Steller, SAVE, School-Within-a-School, King Career Center, West High On-line, School-Through-the-Arts, Seminar School and the Humanities Interdisciplinary Program. Community members were appreciative of the information and had ample opportunity to ask questions about each program.

The New Eagle River Area High School will open with a capacity of 800 students. Redrawing high school attendance boundaries would provide enrollment relief to the overcrowded Chugiak High School. Establishment of new high school boundaries could yield an estimated 400 to 600 students for the New Eagle River Area High School. It is estimated the majority of these 400 to 600 students would be enrolled in the traditional program of studies for core curriculum and electives offerings.

An additional 200 to 400 students could attend the New Eagle River Area High School from around the district. A program for students interested in on-line instruction and career technology courses would likely attract 100 to 200 students. An alternative program for at-risk students would draw another 100 to 200 students to the New Eagle River Area High School.

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